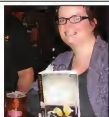


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Warm spell won't harm quality of icewine



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Klaus Reif, of Reif Estate Winery, says the grapes for icewine will likely get picked next week, and will produce a quality vintage, although the quantity might be reduced because of the recent warm spell. The Vidal grapes are hardy, and although they are a little dehydrated, they will plump up when the temperature drops below freezing, he says. For story see page 12.

Red carpet event coming to NOTL

Movie filmed locally will premiere at Shaw Festival Theatre

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Coming to Niagara-on-the-Lake: a red carpet celebration to rival any Hollywood event, for the premiere of *The Angel Inn*.

The cast may not include famous names and the movie was definitely low-budget, but writer/director Kirk Schriever promises to throw a great premiere celebration, with champagne, paparazzi, live music—and of course the red carpet.

His dramatic tale about the power of love and forgiveness, filmed over 16 days in 2010, is going to be shown on the big screen at the Shaw Festival Theatre, and Schriever is excited.

It's his dream, he says, to see his first full-length movie on a big screen, and it may be the only time it's shown on one—his best guess, his hope, is that it might get picked up by a cable channel and be shown on TV.

But he's okay with that. The movie has been made, and although it doesn't feature any big names, it looks as good as any million-dollar production, he says.

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Celebration meant to be payback to supportive community

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The feature-length indie film is about three life-long friends torn apart by tragedy, and then brought back together when they co-inherit a local pub—the Angel Inn.

It has been in editing since the filming finished—Schrifer didn't have the budget to pay for editing, so the project was taken on by some talented people willing to donate their time because they believe in the schedules, thus the delay.

The premiere at the Shaw is really a party for all those involved, to celebrate what they've accomplished, Schrifer says.

His hope is to take the finished project to some low-key film festivals, where it would compete with other low-budget films, and where it would hopefully garner

some positive attention, even win some awards.

That, he says, could be the stepping stone to his second movie, which is already written. With some festival success, The Angel Inn might lead to notice by someone who would invest in his second project—that's his real hope for the future.

Although Schrifer was unable to afford any big names for The Angel, he considers the cast members to be future stars, including Degross: The Next Generation's Daniel Kelly who plays the lead character, Pete Miller, and newcomers Carla Abi, who plays Pete's love interest, Janet Sloan, and Matthew Gonzales who rounds out the cast as Stan Winston—the three young adults who inherit the Angel and try to put their lives behind them.

The movie also features "electric regulars" at the

Angel Inn, most of them familiar faces in NOTL, and a disappearing and re-appearing prosthetic leg.

Making his movie debut in the film is Reverend Bob Wright, who allowed St. Mark's Church to be used as one of the settings, and who ended up playing a part he is quite familiar with in real life.

Many businesses and individuals contributed to the making of the movie by either providing a location to shoot at, scenery, props, acting as extras or in the case of three local restaurants, providing meals for the cast and crew, says Schrifer.

The production really turned into a labour of love not only for him, but for the community, he said—those are the people he hopes will come out and have fun with the premiere, and enjoy the results of their labour on the

big screen.

The movie trailer and additional information is available online at angelinnthemovie.com.

Schrifer, who with his wife Ruth Anne is likely better known for their Pie Plate Bakery in Virgil, has a master's degree in Central Missouri State University.

Tickets are now on sale for the event, which takes place at The Shaw Festival Theatre Thursday, Jan. 31. The red carpet rolls out at 7 p.m. with the movie to begin at 8 p.m. and a celebration party featuring live music to follow.

Tickets can be purchased online, in person at the Pie Plate Bakery & Cafe, 1516 Niagara Stone Road in Virgil Thursday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., call 905-468-8912, or get tickets at the door the night of the event.



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It's been a long wait since filming The Angel Inn, a feature-length indie movie written and directed by local Kirk Schrifer, was finished, and he is excited to be premiering it on the big screen of the Shaw Festival Theatre.

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Not too late to protect against flu

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Leslie Hoadley arrived at the Virgil location of Simpson's Pharmasave Friday with her two youngsters in tow, both of them smiling and excited to be rolling up their sleeves for a flu shot.

How did she accomplish that?

It was pretty simple. The family is headed for Disney World this winter, and she doesn't want to be travelling with sick kids, so she told them the needle was necessary before leaving. Paige, 8, and Sawyer, 4, couldn't wait.

Whether or not there is a trip in your future, getting that flu shot couldn't be easier.

Sean Simpson and two other pharmacists at Simpson Pharmasave are just waiting for you to roll up your sleeve for the vaccination.

The regional flu clinics are finished, and the first wave of the flu appears to be on the downside, but it's not likely done for the season—there could be another peak.

Regional associate medical officer of health Jessica Hopkins likens the flu season to a mountain hike—we've reached the summit and are on our way down the other side, but there could be another hill to climb.

The first peak has been of the influenza A strain, and if there is a second spike, it will likely be influenza B. This year's vaccine is effective against both, and a dose of influenza A doesn't protect against B, she says—so even if you suspect you have had flu this season, you're not

protected from getting it again, and the vaccine is still a good option.

While the regional clinics are finished, there are still some opportunities to be vaccinated at the regional public health office (check online for times), or see your physician or a pharmacist, says Hopkins.

Simpson said he will administer flu shots right up until the end of April, when the season is typically finished.

As a pharmacist, he says it's not his job to get in the middle of a controversy over whether or not people should have a flu shot. It is his job to make it accessible for those who know they want the vaccination.

If asked, however, he says everything in his training tells him that the flu shot helps to protect against seasonal flu. If you still get the flu, it won't be as bad. And if you've had the vaccination and you are around babies and seniors, the most vulnerable of the population, you will be less likely to pass on the disease.

People can have the virus

and not be sick, but still be contagious to others, he says. And for some, especially the elderly and the young, the flu can be deadly.

Symptoms of the strain that is prevalent this winter include a sudden high fever, coughing, headache, chills, a sore throat and fatigue. Since it's in the chest, it can create serious breathing issues and lead to pneumonia in the most vulnerable.

The symptoms for influenza A and B are the same, says Hopkins.

This year, the number of cases is on track to surpass last year when there were 139 confirmed cases, and already, just into the third week of January, there are 116 cases confirmed.

"We're definitely on our way to seeing a higher number this season," says Hopkins.

Last year, the region administered 5,500 flu shots at its clinics, but this year, with the majority of vaccinations behind them, the number stands at 4,200.

Simpson said he'd prefer a call ahead just to make sure there is a pharmacist on duty.



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Pharmacist Sean Simpson administers the flu shot to Paige Hoadley. Her brother Sawyer and mother Leslie are next in line.

But if you drop in to the pharmacy on Niagara Stone Road or King Street and one of the pharmacists is there, they

will oblige, although the hours are a little more limited at their Old Town location.

This is the first winter

pharmacists have been licensed to administer vaccines, and so far Simpson's has given out about 350.

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Councillors suggest consistent limits on rural roads

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

If you're living on Line 9, chances are you will see cars continue to speed past your home despite a request to council for posted limits.

A lengthy discussion was held at a committee of the whole meeting on Monday between councillors and residents of Line 9, and the outcome of their concerns may be a lengthy process.

Council is seeking consistency and will review not only Line 9, but the other roads under their jurisdiction.

"I think people are confused because there's little consistency on the roads.

Some are 50 kilometres an hour, some are 60, 70 or 80," said Lord Mayor Dave Eke.

Because the Ontario Drivers Handbook advises an operating speed of 80 km/h on rural roads where no speed limit is posted, there has been some confusion of the actual speed limit on Line 9, which council heard is 50 km/h.

"Apparently we're all out-laws in Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Eke, who noted to having no idea the speed limit was 50 km/h on that road.

Greg Junner presented council with the opportunity to ask questions regarding a rural road safety review and action plan pertaining to unsigned roads such as Line 9.

A three-day speed and volume count was conducted on Line 9 Road between Concession 1 and Concession 2 from Nov. 20 to 23. The count showed an average daily traffic volume of 561 vehicles. Despite the residents' assertions of increasing traffic volumes, the count was lower than when one was conducted in 2003.

The average speed limit was 70 km/h on the road, 85 per cent of vehicles were under the 85.3 km/h range, which is consistent with driver behaviour in rural areas.

Roads with an 85th percentile speed 10 km/h above the posted speed limit are considered to have a speeding problem. It was determined there is a speeding problem on Line 9.

Using federal guidelines and taking into consideration the residents' concerns regarding variables such as bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian exposure, it was determined by the road safety review that an appropriate speed limit for Line 9 should be 70 km/h.

Speed-related crashes at the intersection of Line 9 and Concession 1 were also looked at and there have

only been five reportable collisions at the intersection since 1996. Speeding was not cited as a factor in any of these cases.

Residents from Line 9 had a chance to respond to the report, as well as to explain why 100 per cent of residents (according to a petition) on Line 9 support posted 50km-h speed limits.

Pamela Prunner is one of those residents. She says the road is heavily used by the vulnerable, such as cyclists, pedestrians, horseback riders, kids, skateboarders and people with disabilities. She has spoken to neighbours who are all in favour of keeping the limit at 50 km/h an hour and posting it as such.

The Niagara Regional Police would also like to see signs posted, as it's difficult for them to issue any tickets without signs, Prunner said.

Many people have had close calls on that road, she said, including two cyclists who were blown over by a speeding vehicle. There is also dangerous passing and "racing" which is defined as someone going 50 km/h above the speed limit.

Michael Nagel, also a Line 9 resident, supported a 50



MELISSA MANGELSEN Niagara Advance

NOTL resident Pamela Prunner, who lives on Line 9, talks to council members about the dangerous conditions caused by speeders on her road.

km/h posted limit. He has lived on the road for 20 years, he says, and has seen his share of dangerous driving and unsafe passing, including two close calls himself.

He noted that aside from the dangers to pedestrians, there is also a lot of wildlife and dead animals on the side of the road are a common sight along Line 9.

He brought with him sta-

tistics regarding speed. Increasing speed by even one kilometre will increase chances of being in a collision involving injury, he said.

"I can't imagine anyone here putting speed over safety," he concluded.

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Speeding traffic not only concern

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Councillor Terry Flynn said he'd like to see it posted and remain at 50 km-h, including some line painting as well as postings in the paper to inform drivers.

Though not opposed to the 50 km-h speed limit councillor Andrea Kaiser doesn't want to make a quick decision and pushed to have the issue looked at in further detail to achieve consistency.

"It's confusing when one line is on the other 60, and so forth. I'd like to see a full review of speeds. I'd be more comfortable making a decision after reviewing all the roads," she said.

Councillor Maria Bau-Coote took a different

look at it, indicating that travelling too slow is also a cause for accidents.

"If we post a speed that's unreasonable people will go too fast, creating unsafe passing conditions," she said.

In fact, in Ontario you may be issued a ticket for going too slow, which is classified as impeding traffic.

Eke believes that 70 km-h on Line 9 is a reasonable and comfortable speed.

"Fifty is just too slow. It will create dangerous passing. The public will do what they want to do," he said.

Councillor Dennis Dick said he is firmly against the 50 km-h speed limit.

"I'm looking for consistency. Most lines are

the same. We've heard of drivers forcing pedestrians into the ditches, but we don't have any reported accidents in regards to speeding," he said.

He noted that posting the speed limit at 50 km-h isn't the solution.

"I will not support 50. I might consider 70, but I'm looking for some consistency."

In a split vote, councillors carried a motion to have Line 9 posted at 70 km-h for now, while they take a more in-depth look into the issue.

Residents of Line 9 won't be happy with the decision, councillors said, but the Town needs time to do an extensive review before making a decision on permanently lowering or raising the speed limit on Line 9.

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our editorial

Consistency and enforcement vital on rural roads

Residents on Line 9, and likely on other rural roads, have a right to be concerned about speeding.

But as was brought to the attention of councillors Monday, the first order of business is to sort out long-standing confusion about speed limits, federal guidelines versus local bylaws, changes to definitions about what rural roads and other issues which have created uncertainty, even among police and public works employees, about speed limits on our rural roads.

There could be some instances where the speed limit is as high as 80 km/h, according to Town bylaws, but it isn't posted as such. But it seems that according to definition the guidelines that should apply to Niagara-on-the-Lake, despite the fact that we consider our roads rural, is the fact it speeds are not posted the limit should be 50 km/h. The lack of consistency is disturbing. We need the police to enforce speed limits on our rural roads, but their task is obviously

going to be much tougher if no one, police or drivers, know with certainty what those speed limits are.

The recent road safety review highlighted the inconsistency of speed limits, suggesting limits should be consistent and posted, but didn't make recommendations about those limits.

The public works department has a huge job ahead of it, one that is already underway as a result of the road safety study, and has been further confirmed by the recommendation of councillors Monday. There is confusion to sort out, signs to order (and find funds to pay for) to post speed limits, and educating to accomplish so that drivers have a better understanding of local speed limits.

In the meantime, we can all use some common sense and not go crazy on our rural roads. After all, in the end safety is what matters, not getting where we need to go a few minutes faster.

Help for Red Roof



Steffanie Bjorgan (centre) of Red Roof Retreat is the recipient of a cheque from Meridian Credit Union employees Irene Harland and Deanna Dupuis. The credit union's 13th annual Nickel Sale raised \$1665 for Red Roof Retreat, thanks to the community and its generous support.

Incredibly generous community helped Newark help others at Christmas

Long list of people and organizations who need to be thanked for their support



Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

Now we are back to business as usual, we would like to thank all the businesses, organizations and individuals who helped us at Christmas.

Thanks to the generosity of our amazing community we were able to help more than 40 families.

Thank you, to the Streams of Life Ministry, and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for toiletries and food.

The NOTL Horticultural Society and Sandrap Pub

and Grill both donated food and cash to help us at Christmas.

St. Andrews Church parishioners were very generous with their donation of toys and food.

Bethany Mennonite Boys Club delivered more than 1,000 pounds of food collected by the youngsters in their group. Bethany

Mennonite Newark School families brought in toys for children in need, to ensure Santa visited all local children.

Peller Estates office staff very kindly donated hats, gloves and mitts.

As they have every Christmas for many years, King's Point residents brought us toys, food and cash.

NOTL Hydro collected food and donated cash.

Thanks to the Ed McCarthy family for turkeys and gloves, to Bev Garrett for bringing us hams, and to St. David's School students who gave us Canadian Tire money to buy toys.

Thanks to DR. D. Wiens Professional Group for their gifts and cash, to Creekside Seniors Estates Co-op for

cash and gifts, to Chocolate F/X for the food they collected.

The Candlelight Scroll and Christmas Parade brought us lots of food and gifts, the Girl Guides and Sparks collected scarves and mitts during the parade, and thanks to the Knotty Knitters for the beautiful scarves and mitts they donated.

St. Saviour's Church women's group brought us food, and St. Mark's Church parishioners donated food and cash.

Anne Gallagher dropped off some turkeys and cash, Stratus Winery gave us cash, the Royal Bank collected food and toys for us, Inge Seller gave us some knitted hats, the NOTL Bridge Club brought in food, and Elita

Mills gave us food and knitted clothes.

The Queenston Residents Association donated food and toys. Willowbank School of Restoration Arts food and cash, and the Niagara Dinner Club and the Golden Age Club gave us food.

The Jim Collard family gave us proceeds from their party.

The Virgil Women's Institute donated food, and thank you to Brian Williams for the extras for Christmas dinners.

Phil's Valu-mart held a food drive before the holidays, bringing us bags of food, the Royal Canadian Legion collected food and toys, and Christ Church McNab parishioners collected food.

Paola del Rosso for 1 glasses in Fairview Mall brought us food.

Thank you to Bob Hunter for 40 bags each of potatoes and three kinds of vegetables.

And thanks to Silk's Family Kitchen for their donation of food.

We understand this is a long list, but in addition to thanking those who helped out we want Niagara-on-the-Lake residents to know what a very generous community we live in.

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letters to the editor

Adult day program at Upper Canada Lodge needs to be expanded

This letter is in response to the article (Niagara Advance, Dec. 26) about the Adult Day Programs at Upper Canada Lodge.

The ladies (Darlene and Jodi) running this program have been instrumental in a marked improvement in my mother-in-law.

When mom first moved in with us (she has Alzheimer's) we were at a loss as what to do to help her maintain cogni-

tion and social life. She was lost, sad, confused, and we were too.

When she started the ADP at Upper Canada Lodge it was an amazing transition. She was happy, dancing, and giggling. I cannot say enough positives about this program and the ladies that run it.

It is essential, especially in an aging society.

We need more programs like this, on a full-time basis, and not just part-time.

We need more people who have the care and compassion to facilitate these programs.

It's Alzheimer's awareness month. Hug someone you love.

Heather Walker

Learn about chemical-free gardening at hort society meeting

Jackie Lynch will talk about 'Not Just Miscanthus' next Tuesday

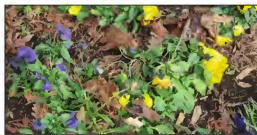


Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Wasn't it great to be in one of the warmest parts of the country at the weekend?

I do hope you got out to enjoy it.

I walked, and was heading to check out one of my



favourite gardens on Center Street to see if the primroses were out and met a couple also enjoying the day and we got talking about gardens.

Their find was a bed of pansies on Victoria Street so I had another destination to make for.

Sure enough there they were, purple and yellow. I asked the gardener if I could photograph them so I could share them with you, so here they are, and he pointed out that they had recently been under two feet of snow.

These are the Icicle Pansies we talked about last fall - so I am definitely going to plant some this year.

You know this got me thinking about our internal time clock.

I have lived here longer

than any other part of the world, yet I am still set for spring in February. Maybe it is just wishful thinking, which goes way back to the Island of Arran during the war. Oh boy, now I am talking like these 'old people' - remember when?

Tuesday, Jan. 22 is the beginning of the new year for the horticultural society, and a great time for new members to join.

The program includes a talk entitled Not Just Miscanthus, by Jackie Lynch of St. David's, who founded Friends of Nature in 2007, promoting chemical-free gardening.

Coffee is on for 6:30, the program starts at 7 p.m. in the community centre on Anderson Lane. All are welcome.

Happy gardening.

Don't become a train wreck statistic in 2013—protect yourself against diabetes

Today 90 per cent of diabetes (Type 2) is caused by obesity



Dr. Gifford Jones
The Doctor Game

When a man applied for a job at the railway station, he was asked, "Suppose you saw a train coming from the east at 100 miles an hour. Then, you noticed a train coming from the west at 100 mph. The trains are both on the same track and just a quarter of a mile apart. What would you do?"

The man replied, "I'd run and get my brother."

"Why would you ever do that at such a critical time?" he was asked. The man replied, "Because my brother's never seen a train wreck."

Today, diabetes and its complications make a perfect medical train wreck.

One child in five born today will become a diabetic.

The dollars required to care for these patients is mind-boggling, eventually decimating our health care system. So can you decrease the risk of becoming a diabetes statistic?

First, everyone must get "scared as hell" about gaining weight.

Excess weight not only sets the stage for diabetes, it also triggers a series of other health problems. For instance, heart disease is listed as the number one killer. But often it's sheer fat that's killing them.

Next be "scared as hell" about packaged foods. Since most of us are no longer down on the farm, packaged foods have now become a way of life.

So, develop the habit of never buying packaged food without looking at the label. You will be surprised

at the number of calories present per serving.

Until everyone starts thinking calories, the battle of the bulge will never be won. Most people need about 1,800 calories a day.

Also get "scared as hell" about other calories, the 14 teaspoons of sugar present in a piece of cherry pie, eight teaspoons of sugar in a soft drink.

I'm sure readers would conclude I need a psychiatrist if I poured this amount of sugar into a glass of water. But this is what kids have been drinking for years. And since many morning cereals contain 50 percent sugar, I tell my grandchildren it's safer to eat the box.

It's naive to expect that the epidemic of Type 2 diabetes will suddenly end. That would require either a famine, a major public health assault on

obesity, or millions of people getting "scared as hell." I don't see this happening.

The great tragedy is that too many people look on diabetes simply as a problem with an excessive amount of blood sugar. They fail to realize the primary cause is narrowed atherosclerotic arteries that gradually choke off blood supply to vital organs.

The most appalling example of tragedy is what is happening to aboriginal patients in Manitoba.

Because of diabetes and reduced blood supply to the legs, 90 percent of leg amputations are performed on aboriginals.

But looking at other diabetes patients in North America, diminished blood flow makes them 25 times more prone to blindness and 17 times more likely to be attached to renal dialysis machines due to destroyed kidneys.

Narrowed arteries in diabetes patients also carry less blood to the heart's muscle. This is why 50 per cent of diabetes patients die of coronary attack.

Aging is also responsible for taking high concentrations of cholesterol.

But Dr. Sydney Bush, an English researcher, has shown that diabetes patients and the rest of us can restore normal blood flow by taking high concentrations of vitamin C and lysine. It's recently become available as a powder called Medi-C Plus and is available in Health Food Stores.

Unfortunately, neither diabetes patients nor others are aware of this product since its proven results have gone unrecognized by doctors.

For more information see the web site www.docgiff.com. For comments info@docgiff.com.

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NOTICE
REGARDING WINTER PARKING

As a reminder to all residents & visitors of the Town of Niagara on the Lake, in accordance with the Parking and Traffic By-law #4308-09, all vehicles parked on all roads, unless otherwise posted, are restricted to a 12 hour period and prohibited between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

As the winter season is upon us the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake would like to remind residents that snow removal activities can take place at any time, and vehicles parked on the road may restrict the movement of snow clearing equipment.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Parking and Traffic By-law #4308-09 states:

Parking Prohibited:

S. 205.01.10: For longer period than 12 hours at any one time;

S. 205.01.11: Between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. within the Municipality;

S. 205.01.12: In such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic, street cleaning measures or the clearing of snow from the highway;

As a caution to motorists, vehicles found in contravention of the above stated By-law sections, may be ticketed and removed from the road without notice to the owner.

Keeping our roads clear for snow clearing equipment assists in keeping a safer community for everybody.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Enforcement Department at 905-468-3266 ext. 226.

Noted at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 16th day of January, 2013

LICENSING BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Town's Licensing By-law Review Committee is holding a meeting to hear comments with respect to the operation of Bed and Breakfast Establishments, Country Inns, Cottage Rentals and Vacation Apartments in our community. Members of the public are encouraged to attend to provide input or to submit written comments.

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2013

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
 Administration Offices
 Council Chambers

1593 Ford Mills Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can provide input by submitting your written comments to:

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

1593 Ford Mills Creek Road, PO Box 100

Virgil Ontario L0R 1T0

hdowd@mott.org

The Committee requests that written comments be submitted to the Town Clerk by 12:00 Noon on January 31, 2013 for circulation to the Committee for the meeting.

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, the Committee requests that speakers limit their comments to five minutes. To ensure clarity of information, speakers are also requested to submit their comments in writing, to the Town Clerk at the meeting, for consideration by the Committee.

Holly Dowd,

Town Clerk

January 16, 2013

March of Dimes canvassers are out

Melissa Mangelsen
 Niagara Advance

If you receive a knock on your door this month it may be from volunteer canvassers with the March of Dimes.

Pam Wilson, captain for the area, said there are about 20 people who have begun going door-to-door looking for donations to help support the March of Dimes.

"This is our fourth year doing this in Niagara-on-the-Lake and it's been very successful. People here are very generous," she said.

To date, NOTL has raised about \$25,000 toward the



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Team captain Pam Wilson, with canvassers Laura Howarth, Maureen Taylor and Pat Rutherford, plot their strategy for making the most of the door-to-door campaign in NOTL.

cause.

The March of Dimes began in the late 40s to raise money for people suffering from polio. After a vaccine was created in 1955, the March of Dimes shifted its mandate to serve the broad needs of all adults and children with physical disabilities, whether a result of disability at birth, the polio virus, an accident, aging, stroke or other cause.

The money raised helps with costs associated with disabilities. The March of Dimes mission is to maximize the independence, personal empowerment and community participation of people with disabilities.

There is some government funding available for people with disabilities, but it's often not enough to ensure they're getting the equipment they need, such as canes and wheelchairs.

Donations provide essential programs and services for people with physical disabilities such as assistive devices, education, recreation and integration services.

Wilson got involved with the March of Dimes because she had polio.

"People still seem to think the March of Dimes is for elderly people with polio and it's not. It's for those who suffer from MS, Parkinson's, brain injuries, etc.," she said.

January is a challenge for volunteers due to the weather and the fact that it's right after Christmas, when people are tightening their wallets. Despite the challenge, the March of Dimes has had continued success across Ontario, as well as Canada.

Wilson said she could always use more volunteers and encourages people to get involved with the cause.

Laura Howarth is one local volunteer who has been very helpful, she says. "She's been so successful out canvassing," said Wilson.

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Campaign a success in generous NOTL

From Page 8

Howarth has been volunteering with the March of Dimes since it began in NOTL, and has always had a very successful door-to-door campaign.

Based on the Participation and Activity Limitation Survey conducted in 2011, by Statistics Canada, 12.4 per cent of Canadians have disabilities, or roughly one in eight.

In Ontario, the disability rate is 13.5 per cent. The sur-

vey confirms that the disability rate in Canada increases with age. More than half (53.3 per cent) of people 75 years and older report having a disability.

In the event that a resident is not home at the time of a volunteer visit, a flyer will be left in the mailbox to direct people how to give donations, which are eligible for a tax receipt.

For questions regarding volunteering or donations contact Wilson at 905-468-8080.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Information Centre No. 2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Intersection Improvements on Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) Regional Road 90 (Airport Road) to Line 2 Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Study

Niagara Region has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address intersection improvements on Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) from 150 metres west of Regional Road 90 (Airport Road) to 75 metres east of Line 2 Road, in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The study has identified and evaluated a variety of intersection improvement alternatives to help improve traffic flow within the Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) corridor, reduce traffic infiltration through local neighbourhoods, and improve the overall safety of the roadway. The improvement alternative is a combination of the following:

- Addition/modification of auxiliary lanes
- Traffic control upgrades
- Roadway realignments
- Implementation of roundabouts

In addition to potential Intersection Improvements, the study has identified and addressed other engineering aspects of the study area including roadway geometrics, cross roads, drainage, culverts, current pavement condition, utilities, and services.

The Process

The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Class EA process includes consultation with the public and regulatory agencies throughout the study to provide opportunities for input and feedback.

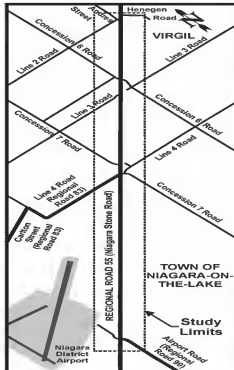
Public Information Centres (PICs) are a key component of the Class EA process. They provide the public with an opportunity to review the study findings, offer comments and discuss concerns and issues with representatives from the project team. The first Public Information Centre was held on Nov. 8, 2012. Following PIC No. 1, the project team reviewed input received from the public and regulatory agencies and confirmed the Preferred Planning Solution—A Combination of Roadway Improvement Alternatives and Other Supporting Measures.

The second PIC for this study has been arranged for:

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Location: Virgil Fire Station
1391 Concession 6 Rd.
Virgil, Ont.

The second PIC will provide the public with an opportunity to review the alternative design concepts, the preliminary preferred alternative, and to provide general comments. Following the PIC, the preliminary preferred alternative will be confirmed or modified taking into consideration public comments. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be prepared documenting the planning process and a Notice of Study Completion will be published.

Anyone with an interest in this study is invited to attend and participate. If you cannot attend and would like to provide



comments, please forward them to the Niagara Region by Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Coordinator at 905-685-4225, ext. 3252 or e-mail accessibility@niagararegion.ca to make the appropriate arrangements.

For additional information, please contact one of the project team members below:

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NOTL Hydro currently offers three primary customer rate classifications; specifically Residential, General Service <50 kW and General Service >50 kW. The terminology used and specific rates applied are prescribed and approved by our Regulator, the Ontario Energy Board, and are universally utilized by electric utilities across the province.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro has the ability to solely determine whether a customer qualifies for the General Service rate categories strictly based on monitoring their load. In many situations NOTL Hydro must however, rely on information provided by the customer to determine whether they qualify for a Residential or General Service <50 kW classification. **It is important to notify us of any changes in your land or building usage activity which may occur over time.**

The following information is presented to assist you with identifying your current rate classification and to provide a means of assembling information that will assist NOTL Hydro with determining your correct rate classification.

Note - eBilling customers may contact our Customer Support for account type information.

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A Bed & Breakfast establishment whereby it is the **primary residence** of the owner.

Owner occupied seasonal cottages will be considered *Residential*.

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A Bed & Breakfast establishment whereby it is **not the primary residence** of the owner (the owner resides elsewhere or only periodically sleeps in the building) will be classified as *GS<50 KW*.

A seasonal cottage or mobile home that is **primarily rented out** or utilized to promote a **commercial activity** will be considered a *GS<50 KW*.

Your service main breaker **exceeds 200A**.

If you think you may be classified under the wrong classification, please visit or call our office with the answers to these simple questions. We may be able to assist if you are not able to answer them.

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☐ Personal ☐ Tenant
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☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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☐ Yes ☐ No
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☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
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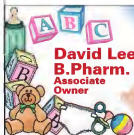
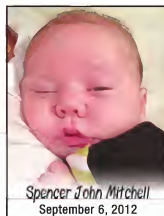
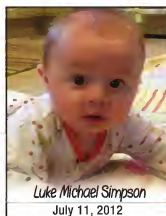
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Warm spell won't hurt quality of this year's icewine, winery owner says

It could mean just a little less of it, says Klaus Reif of Reif Estate Winery

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A few days of unusually mild temperatures won't hurt the quality of this year's icewine, although the warm

weather could mean just a little bit less of the precious liquid gold.

Winemakers are anticipating a cold spell next week that will allow them to pick the grapes still on the vines, destined for this year's icewine.

While some of the Jordan-area growers have picked their frozen grapes, the temperature has not plummeted enough to suit most local winemakers, who prefer to wait for a night of -10 degrees Celsius.

That could come early next week, and while the wait might mean a little less icewine, it will still be a quality icewine, says Klaus Reif of Reif Estate Winery.

He's seen much longer waits—he recalls the winter of 1998, when it was the end

of March before the nights were cold enough to pick grapes for icewine.

"We made not as much icewine that year, but it was still great quality," he says.

About 80 per cent of Niagara icewine is made from Vidal grapes, which have a tough skin that makes them less susceptible to damage from either high or low temperatures, says Reif.

Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes may have dehydrated a little more from the warm spell, but the longer they're on the vines the more grapes are lost to birds and wind, but it will still be a good crop, he says.

"I don't worry about it. It will always get cold enough eventually, and we will always make quality icewine. The only difference will

be how much we make."

This year, Reif has a record 18 acres netted and ready to pick once the weather co-operates. The demand for the product, he says, is increasing.

"If you make quality icewine, the demand will always be there. We have icewine left in our retail stores, but not to export—we're sold out. We could have shipped another 2,000 cases if we had more."

Bruce Nicholson, winemaker for Inniskillin, agrees that the demand is on the up-swing, and is looking forward to the expected temperature drop early next week.

He checks the weather forecast every morning—in fact, several times a day—and then checks the grapes to see how they're doing.

The Vidal, he said, are holding up and will be fine.

"When the time comes, we'll be prepared. But we have to be patient."

He admits that although there is absolutely nothing he can do about the weather, he's a worrier.

There was one day earlier this month when it looked like it might get cold enough to pick, so he slept with the phone beside his bed, but it didn't happen—although some growers will pick at -8 degrees Celsius, he too prefers to wait for -10 degrees or below.

While it's not unusually late, "it is for people like myself who worry," he says.

"Really, it's in the ballpark. There have been years when we've picked New Year's Day and others when it's been much later. But I'll be pleased to see it off."

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Already supplying the town's transit system, buses from Niagara College to the Pen Centre and an extensive range of limousines, the local company, established by the Mole family in 2000, is partnering with Coventry Connections to create NCT Elite Car Service.

"We're both successful companies and we're operating in a growing region in Niagara," explained Niagara Classic president David Mole. "As much as our companies are different, there are certain services we're doing that are very similar."

"Our black-car division was already among

the fastest growing in the area and Coventry had a large division, so we're kind of putting it all together in an exciting partnership," he said.

"The goal of this is to raise the bar in black car services... like you'd get in Toronto, New York City or Boston."

Coventry has already made big inroads here, with recent purchases of Central and 5-0 taxi companies.

The collaboration will result in about 45 black car vehicles — some of them from 5-0's existing fleet — with plans to boost that to around 65.

The cars are also known as black-tops, and are often Lincoln Town Cars, sedans or SUVs.

They are private vehicles with a suited chauffeur, and a focus on airport travel. NCT Elite amenities will include new technology such as client-accessible GPS

tracking of cars that are ordered.

Services will be provided for all major and regional airports between Buffalo, Niagara, Hamilton and Toronto, and for other general private uses.

Coventry president Hanif Patni said his company had been scouting for this kind of collaboration.

"What excited us about Niagara is in the last few decades it's changed so much as a destination compared to so many other places in the world," Patni said.

"What I think was missing was the transportation bit... that's the reason we came in," he said, acknowledging his black-car service has existing competition in the region.

"We saw a real opportunity to move it up, both on the taxi and black car side," Patni said.



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Kymberley Murphy comes to us with an extensive background in education, graphic design and she held the position of art director for major marketing firms in Toronto. Kymberley started her real estate career with a local franchise but has now joined the McGarr Group because of its high profile and prominence in the marketing place. Kymberley is very aware of the integrity, professionalism and knowledge that are needed in this fast paced business. Kymberley will divide her time between the N.O.T.L. and St. Catharines offices.



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Sally Miller started her real estate career in the highly competitive Toronto market. In 2008, Sally moved her business to Niagara and very quickly established herself in the high end market here. She has positioned herself at the high profile location of the McGarr Group's Niagara-on-the-Lake office in order to bring her Toronto and Niagara connections together. Sally enjoys most racquet sports and the challenge of the Niagara golf courses!



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On tap at Irish Harp: Beer and Books

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It seems Niagara-on-the-Lake is a town of book-lovers.

Who also happen to enjoy a glass of beer or wine, now and again.

Wine and Words, a new program of the NOTL Public Library that hosts authors at local wineries and matches wine with books, was a great success, says program co-ordinator Beth Labelle.

So now on tap is Beer and Books, the brainstorm of

Trevor Smyth of the Irish Harp.

The pub hosted a very well-received Fifty Shades of Grey-themed party recently, giving Smyth the idea of offering a regular book-club kind of event.

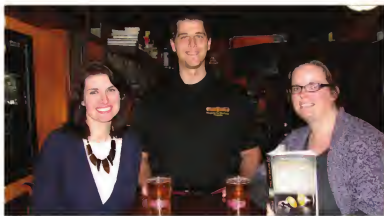
Partnering with the library, he's reserving a private corner of the pub one Monday a month—a corner that actually looks a little library-like—beginning Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

The book to be discussed is Sylvia Day's Bared to You, which is a similar genre to Fifty Shades.

The book is available at the library, but you don't have to have read it or liked it to attend, says Labelle—discussion of the erotica genre, also referred to as mommy porn, is likely to be part of the evening.

She and Laura Tait library manager will be on hand to aid in the discussion, and will have some ideas for the book to be featured next session, with input from those who attend.

To sign up for Beer and Books or for more information call the library at 905-468-2023.



Beth Labelle, Dan Muir, pub manager, and Linda Tait are ready for Beer and Books, Monday at the Irish Harp.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Niagara Region Economic Development division is recruiting interested business owners and professionals to serve on the newly created **Economic Development Advisory Panel**. The panel will provide local perspective, guidance and expert strategic advice in the operation of the new economic development function. Panel advisors should have previous advisory experience and bring a region-wide vision to create a balanced focus on improving Niagara's economy.

The advisory panel will consist of the following:

- Three seats for Niagara business owners
- Two seats for Regional council representatives
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 - Post-secondary sector representative
 - Senior Regional staff representative
 - Industry association representative
 - Real estate representative
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 - Local area municipal representative - economic development officer

The panel is soliciting interest from people with skill sets in the following areas:

- Commercial/industrial development
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- Private/public partnerships
- Transition and change management
- Labour force development
- Competitive marketing and sales experience

Meetings will be held quarterly for approximately two hours. Appointment term will be two years.

The expression of interest application form, self-assessment tool and the terms of reference providing details on seat structure are available on our website at www.niagararegion.ca. Applications may be completed online, downloaded and mailed or dropped off in person.

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Applications must be received no later than Jan. 18, 2013. All expressions of interest will be considered. An interview process may be conducted.

For more information, contact
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Friday, January 25, 2013 at 3:30 pm
Lobby, Shaw Festival Theatre

10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

The Annual Meeting of the Shaw Festival Theatre Foundation, Canada has been called to elect Governors of the Corporation, receive the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal year 2012, appoint auditors, ratify the Consolidated By-Laws - 2012, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Members, as defined by the Consolidated By-Laws, are current Governors of the Corporation and are entitled to attend, participate in and vote at the meeting.

Annual Contributors are those persons and Corporations who have paid during 2012 the annual contribution amount of \$75.00 or more and all those persons and corporations who have subscribed to the Corporation's Operating, Capital, Unrestricted or Endowment Funds an amount in such year equal to or in excess of the annual contribution amount.

Annual Contributors are entitled to attend the meeting and shall, without having any voting privileges, be entitled to speak on any question before the meeting.

If you're interested in St. Davids history, residents' association wants to hear from you

Do you have any information about the history of St. Davids that might not be common knowledge?

Are you interested in preserving the heritage of the village? If so, the St. Davids Ratepayers Association would like to hear from you.

In the past, the association has tackled issues that have had an impact on the village: the sewer system, grinder pumps, and new development.

But while some of those issues are still relevant, the current thrust, says member Harry Murdoch, is to focus on preserving

an important heritage.

The villagers were integral to winning the Battle of Queenston Heights, and the village was the final target of the Americans, who looted and burned many of its buildings as they retreated to the US in 1814.

The British force led by

Major General Ross occupied Washington, D.C. and set fire to many public buildings, including the White House, in retaliation for the burning of the Old Town and St. Davids.

Murdoch said the goal of the association is find out what is true and what

is folklore, and to prepare to celebrate the village history in 2014.

The residents' association is active and involved in heritage, and our meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the protection, promotion and development of our heritage, and our bicentennial

commemorations. We'd love to hear from anyone who has anything to contribute," said Murdoch.

"The village has an important history, but it's been hidden in the shadow of Brock."

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22 at the St. Davids Lions Club at 7 p.m.

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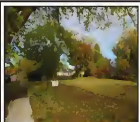


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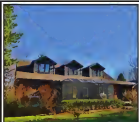


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Tom and Joan won scholarships to Rutherford College in 1939 after which at 17 years of age he volunteered for the Fleet Air Arm, serving for 2-1/2 years. Studying at night school for a degree in gas engineering, while working for Imperial Chemical Industries, he took his final exams the night daughter Barbara was born in 1955.

In 1964 after 15 successful years with I.C.I. Tom and Joan decided to emigrate with the family to Canada to begin a new life in Toronto, to work for Dow Chemical Company as a Junior Salesman.

Transferring across Canada to Calgary, Sarrie, Montreal and Toronto several times, it soon became apparent that Tom was no ordinary salesman and in 25 years with the company rose to be Specialty Chemicals Manager for Canada.

Grateful thanks to Tammy for saving his life in 2005, so that most of the last years were enjoyed at King's Point in Niagara-on-the-Lake, entertaining friends and family, going to the theatre, visiting local wineries and walking in the surrounding outdoors. During their retirement, Tom and Joan travelled the world, visiting the UK and Europe. They spent winters in Costa Rica, Mexico, Africa, India and Nepal (on elephant back) and Malaysia by motor bike. Tom and Joan also enjoyed their second home in Florida.

Tom was a dedicated soccer fan of Newcastle United, his home team, an avid tennis player and enthusiastic golfer. Reading was his passion and he was challenged by the daily crossword. He will be remembered by his colleagues and family as a great raconteur with a lively sense of humor.

Was a true gentleman and One of a Kind.

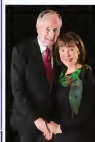
Special thanks to Dr. A. Smith for his care and attention and to the nurses from St. Elizabeth's health care. At Tom's request there will be no funeral service.

Donations may be made in Memoriam to "Medicine sans Frontiers" (Doctors without Borders) www.msf.ca phone: 1-800-982-7903



Local tennis players are quick to jump at the chance for a game as soon as the temperature climbs even a little. Ross Robinson (left, in bare legs in January), Dominic Ventresca, Wayne Vent, Martin Quick, Marco DeLeonardis, Jim Thackray and Marc Gauvin enjoyed Saturday morning on the NOTL tennis courts.

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The Rangers faced Brantford in their first game and came away with a 41-23 win. Julia Colavecchia was unstoppable on the boards and driving to the basket and racked up 19 points.

The Rangers moved on to

play a strong Ancaster Magic team and were defeated in a nail-biter, 29-28. Colavecchia proved her consistency on the Rangers offence with 17 points.

The Rangers were then matched up against Burlington

and came away with a 46-8 win. Outstanding team play and passing had all the girls working well together.

Play-off action matched the Rangers against Flamborough in the semi-final and following a fast and

physical game, they won 35-22, a game well played by all of the Rangers, before advancing to the gold medal game facing Ancaster Magic for the second time in the tournament.

A tied game at the buzzer

pushed the game into an exciting overtime period which had the two teams scoring back and forth, Ancaster pulling off the win 34-32 and the Rangers coming away with a respectable silver medal in an AA tournament.

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15114 NIAGARA RIVER PARKWAY - \$1,250,000



NEW LISTING
Spectacular 4.7 acre rolling wooded estate overlooking the Niagara River which includes a 3300 square foot bungalow, in-ground concrete Schwinner pool & pool house and a substantial secondary building with stables and huge loft area. MLS N30014352. Viviane Elliott and Thomas Elliott.

113 BYRON STREET - \$839,000



NEW LISTING
Perfect location for a bed and breakfast in Niagara-on-the-Lake, walking distance to the Shaw, the water and the many restaurants on Queen St. The large property (121 x 145) offers an in ground heated pool, spacious garages and plenty of parking for guests. MLS N30014496. Trish Badham.

46 THE PROMENADE - \$599,000



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Build this beautiful functional design or have Carmel Construction custom build to suit. Whatever your needs be assured Carmel Construction will build with utmost care and quality! You may visit 85 The Promenade to see a finished model home and view firsthand the quality of finishes and craftsmanship. MLS New. MLS N30014496. Christopher Bowron and Audrey Wright.

524 KING STREET - \$399,000



NEW LISTING
Great investment property in the heart of the old town. Note lot size 35 x 212.80, multiple trees and so near neighbours. The existing home features hardwood floors, French doors to rear deck, central air and a full unfinished basement. Currently leased to good tenant, collect rent and build your own future! MLS N30014415. Viviane Elliott and Thomas Elliott.

6744 RIAL STREET - \$269,000



NEW LISTING
Contemporary Red Cedar Viceroy home with private deck. 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. Built in 1986 and situated on a gorgeous tree lot. This really is a must see home! MLS: N30014352. Audrey Wright and Christopher Bowron.

462 HUNTER ROAD - \$269,900



NEW LISTING
Attractive bungalow on the edge of Niagara-on-the-Lake in semi-rural setting overlooking grape vines to the rear, yet only a few minutes to shopping, restaurants and wineries. MLS N30014280. Kevin Stokes.

32 CASTLEREAGH - \$414,900



NEW LISTING
This delightful 1 1/2 story renovated or weekend home is located, in old town just minutes from the wonderful things that Niagara on the Lake has to offer. The home has been updated and is in excellent condition. There is a Master on the Main level plus two other rooms on the 2nd Floor. Just move in and enjoy! MLS New. Chris Bowron and Phyllis Henderson.

16 WEATHER STONE COURT - \$596,000



NEW LISTING
Completely renovated freesthold town home in an ideal location close to walking trails and town centre. This home has just been renovated and offers high end finishes throughout. Tom Elliott and Chris Bowron.

4209 HIXON STREET - \$119,900



NEW LISTING
Great first time buyer home, retirement unit or investment property. Excellent central location and only a few minutes walk to shopping and schools and within a well maintained and quiet building. The building has an elevator and laundry facilities. MLS: N3014282. Kevin Stokes.

4 WYCKLIFFE \$369,000



SOLD
Completely renovated home in desirable cottage area of NOTHS. Steps from lake and walking distance to downtown. Bright and open living area with neutral decor. MLS N20131738. Thomas Elliott or Kim Elliott.

35 SHAW'S LANE - \$489,000



Extensive renovations in this bright and airy, end unit. Freehold townhome on a quiet cul-de-sac. Numerous windows and vaulted ceilings offer abundance of natural light and open concept feeling. Large deck (10' x 15'). MLSP N30008282. Ralph Tallman.

44 PAFFARD STREET - \$399,000



One owner home, custom designed & built! A lovely home, great curb appeal & well maintained two story with private rear yard and pool. Wonderful location, an easy walk to The Commons, walking & bike trails or to the Heritage district to enjoy shopping, theatre & restaurants. MLSP N30006934. Chris Bowron and Audrey Wright.

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179 Mary Street \$449,000

A rare and unique home combining the history of a 19th century barn with a modern two storey addition completed in 2002 that has all the romance and charm of "Tara" in Gone with the Wind. This home boasts high ceilings, wood floors and a layout especially suited to the large family or the operation of a B&B. Privacy for guests and owners alike.



19 Dixie Ave. \$304,900

Located in the ever popular Chautauqua neighborhood, with an easy walk to the lake, parks & restaurants. 3+1 bedrooms 2 baths. Over-sized 75'x130' lot, inground pool w/ heater. Lower level finished as in-law suite w/ 2nd kitchen and walkout to 3 season sunroom. Easy to show, immediate possession available.



990 Lakeshore Road \$5,990,000

Rare lakefront estate of 33.46 acres consisting of 10 acres mature forest, 18 acres of peach orchards and 1300 feet of Lake Ontario shoreline. The two storey period home has been extensively renovated and continues to give you the warmth and charm of a bygone era while incorporating all the modern conveniences.



692 Line 7 \$635,000

This large family home sits quietly on a very rare private country retreat, a park-like 10 acres with mature trees, nature trail and fully stocked fish pond. Close to all the amenities of city and town, yet seemingly miles away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.



725 Charlotte Street \$389,900

A quiet tree-lined street in the Old Town. This solid older home has been fully updated, spacious kitchen with appliances included. Patio doors to large newly expanded rear deck with pergola overlooking deep fully fenced rear yard & detached garage. Master with ensuite, a total of 3 bedrooms & 3 baths in immaculate condition. Not included in purchase price but could be provided fully furnished.



1098 Line 4 \$425,000

Rare Ranch bungalow in an absolutely picture perfect setting. Magnificent trees and a spacious home. Main floor family room with fireplace as well as another fireplace in the rec room. Main floor laundry and excellent kitchen with double doors. A wonderful living room enjoying country views and the Niagara Escarpment in the distance, yet only minutes from town.



175 Centre Street \$869,000

Gracious home with expensive rear decks and patio overlooking must have setting. The layout lends itself well to a B & B and also a great family home. Six bedrooms in all with one being the main floor master with ensuite, 3 bedrooms with ensuites on the second level and 2 more on the lower level with a large rec room. All this located in the heart of the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake providing all the conveniences of shopping, dining and visiting just a short walk away.



310 Tanbark Road \$895,000

Wonderful sprawling custom built 3 bedroom, 3 ensuite bath bungalow on a fully fenced, treed estate lot. 9 ft ceilings with coffers, fabulous designer crystal chandelier. High end appliances in gourmet kitchen. Featuring an inground pool, expansive perennial gardens, covered patio and stylish pool side pergola.